

Memorandum

To: Paul Kudarauskas
CC: Jude Hobza – EPA Site Representative, Tim Miller - MARCOR Remediation, Inc.
From: Dan Figueroa
Date: 09/12/00
Re: Tampering of Sampling Pump in the Clean Room 09/09/00

Each day the clean room is sampled to ensure worker safety. The following is a summary of the events that occurred on Saturday Morning in the clean room.

- At approximately 7:30 am Brian Platz of PES placed a low-volume air-sampling pump on top of one of the lockers in the clean room.
- At approximately 10:30 am Marshall Reed of MARCOR Remediation, Inc. discovers part of a shower towel stuffed inside of the cartridge of the pump and notifies me immediately.
- At approximately 11:00 am I notify Brian Platz of PES about the incident, and he removes the pump from the clean room.
- At approximately 12:15 pm I hold a meeting with all MARCOR personnel informing requesting the identity of the person who placed the towel in the cartridge.
- At approximately 1:00 pm Brian Platz of PES placed a high-volume pump in the clean room.
- At the end of the shift, Volpe Center requested all personnel on-site to provide information with regard to who may have committed the action. No information was provided at that time.

The following corrective actions have been taken to ensure that this will not occur again

- Meeting was held with all contractors employees on the site at the end of the day and were notified that tampering with personal, perimeter, or ambient sampling pumps are grounds for immediate removal from the project. The health and safety concerns and worker protection were addressed.
- MARCOR representative will be in the clean room while workers dress and decon.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

September 12, 2000

SUBJECT: Tampering of Sampling Pump in the Clean Room on 09/09/00

FROM: Jude Hobza

On Saturday, September 9, 2000, the MARCOR site superintendent notices that the air pump cassette was tampered with in the clean room. A small piece of paper towel was placed inside the black cassette. The sequence of events of the occurrence and measures implemented to resolve the problem are outlined in the attachment provided.

Jude Hobza

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